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similar centres at Mandya and Davangere was under consideration.

568. Sri S. N. Roy, Director of Training, Government of India and Mr. Abdul Quadir, Regional Director, Madras, visited Mysore in the middle of November 1950, and paid visits to Mysore, Srirangapatna, Mandya, Channaptna and other places on 14th and 15th November 1950, studying the labour conditions in the several Factories.

(v) Joint-Stock Companies.

569. There were 471 (434) joint-stock companies at the close of the year, of which 435 (400) were limited by shares and 36 (34) by guarantee. Out of 43 new companies, 12 were public and 31 private. There were 226 companies incorporated outside Mysore State, but with their places of business located in Mysore. The number of persons holding Auditors' Certificates at the end of the year was 156 (132).

570. There were at the end of the year 792 (738) societies registered under the Societies' Registration Act.

571. The number of firms registered under the Mysore Partnership Act, 1936, during the year was 165 (121), leaving 1,112 (947) firms on the register at the end of the year.

572. The receipts of the Department amounted to Rs. 22,639 (Rs. 43,882).

573. The Mysore Insurance Act, No. XXII of 1939 was repealed and the Indian Insurance Amendment Act No. XLVII of 1950 was made applicable to the State with effect from 1st June 1950.

(vi) Posts and Telegraphs.

574. Post Offices were opened in rural areas with a population of 2,000 or more and in villages selected for any Model Development Scheme by the State Government.

575. During the year, 31 branch post offices were opened in villages under the post-war plan, and one telegraph branch was opened on a guarantee basis furnished by the State Government. Two hundred and fourteen additional letter boxes were planted in Urban and rural areas.

576. The departmental post offices in the State are issuing Broadcast Receiver Licenses after its integration with the Central Government from 1st April 1950.

(vii) Economic Development and Planning.

577. The five Policy Committees of the Economic Conference for (1) Education, (2) Agriculture, (3) Industries and Commerce, (4) Public Health and (5) Public Works and Transport reconstituted on 11th June 1945 were continued during the year, the Committee for Sericulture having been superseded on 12th January 1950 by an Advisory Committee for the Silk Industry. These Committees could not meet as the elected members of the dissolved Representative Assembly and Legislative Council ceased to be members of these Policy Committees from 16th December 1949 and new members were not appointed to serve on these Committees.

Inter-Departmental Committee on Planning.

578. On the advice of the Planning Commission, Government of India, an Inter-Departmental Committee on Planning consisting of 13 members, was set up with the Chief Minister as Chairman and the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning as member and *Ex-officio* Secretary, for the purpose of securing the necessary co-ordination between the Departments of Government themselves on the one band and affording the utmost possible measure of collaboration and assistance to the Planning Commission on the other. This Committee met thrice during the year.

579. For organising the Secretariat of the Planning Commission and in response to the enquiries sent by the Commission, some officers and officials of the State were recommended for appointment as Research Officers and Economic Investigators. Several particulars about the statistical information on various items such as Labour and Employment, Health, Education, Special amenities, etc., called for by the Planning Commission were furnished. Maps and charts prepared in the State indicating the resources of Mysore, distribution of population, crops, forest resources, cottage, small scale and large scale industries, schools, hospitals and dispensaries, veterinary services, roads, irrigation, etc., were also forwarded to the Planning Commission during the year.